



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
O. YUKI, ET AL. ) Examiner: Rashawn N. Tillery  
Application No.: 09/655,862 ) Group Art Unit: 2612  
Filed: September 6, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS ) January 6, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

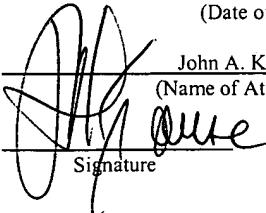
In response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2004, Applicants' are filing, together herewith, a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-identified application as follows, prior to that continued examination.

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